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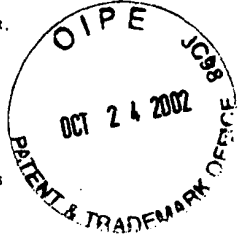
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Re: Request for Continued Examination
Appl. No.: 09/555,575
Filed: June 1, 2000
Title: Novel Compounds Useful in Pain Management
Inventor(s): Delorme, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7567/73178 (formerly 81823/268623)

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request for Continued Examination;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
3. One return postcard.

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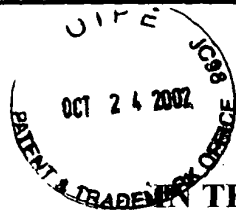
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

a. Previously submitted:

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on October 2, 2002.
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Appeal Brief filed].
- Other:

b. Enclosed:

- Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other:

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2. Additional Items:

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of [No. of Months Suspension 1.103(c)] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required.)
- A petition for extension of time is enclosed.
- A return postcard is enclosed.
- Other: Change of Address Notice
- Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status.
- RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) without a claim of small entity status is: \$740.00.
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- A check in the amount of \$ [Check Amount enclosed] is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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